

We Care America, Inc.

Organization Description

We Care America (WCA) is a national network of individuals, churches and ministries working together to meet the needs of the poor and hurting by building capacity among faith-based and community organizations.

Project Description

The project will build the capacity of grassroots organizations in the targeted areas through supportive systems that reach across traditional partnership boundaries for effective service to the areas' neediest citizens. We Care America will provide coordinated capacity building through the WCA Southern California Office and two local partners.

Geographic Scope of Project

Central City East Los Angeles-Los Angeles Skid Row and the Santa Ana Empowerment Zone.

Partnering Organizations

We Care America's Southern California Office will partner with Templo Calvario and its Community Development Corporation, the largest Latino Church in the U.S., and Union Rescue Mission, the largest rescue mission in the nation, with a 112-year history of service to Central Los Angeles' Skid Row.

Sub-Awards

A total of \$250,000 will be granted in sub-awards to 30 faith-based and community organizations annually and will be segmented into three tiers:

- Tier 1: \$1,000-\$3,000 for start up or planning;
- Tier 2: \$3,000 to \$10,000 for initial programs or infrastructure;

- Tier 3: \$10,000 to \$20,000 for expansion of programs or infrastructure.

Project Objectives

1. Integrate access to comprehensive services and resources provided by local, state, and federal government in targeted areas;
2. Build capacity of faith-based and community organizations to provide services and develop programs that are high quality, sustainable, highly leveraged, and based in sound organizations;
3. Develop and focus social capital on critical community needs;
4. Foster local implementation of the Faith-Based Initiative by city, state, and local governments and related agencies;
5. Document effective processes and programs that exemplify effective integration of faith-based and community organizations capacity building and service outcomes.

Project Strategies

- Provide comprehensive capacity building for 40-50 faith-based and community organizations annually that work in the following social service areas: homelessness, at-risk youth, elders in need, families transitioning from welfare to work, those in need of intensive rehabilitation, healthy marriage for those who choose marriage for themselves, and other high need populations;
- Integrate sub-awards and technical assistance for 30 organizations annually;
- Demonstrate effectiveness of Neighborhood Care Centers by establishing 16 centers over the three year project period.

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